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*Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels—Mortality statistics—Scarcity of water.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, June 1, as follows: During the week ended May 30, 1903, six bills of health were issued to vessels going to ports in the United States. All were in good sanitary condition; no sickness on board.

*Mortuary report for the week ended May 23, 1903.*

Tuberculosis .....	2
Gastro-enteritis .....	2
Infantile tetanus .....	1
Enteritis .....	1
Other causes .....	7
Total .....	14

*Mortuary report for the week ended May 30, 1903.*

Tuberculosis .....	2
Paludism .....	4
Pernicious fever .....	1
Diphtheria .....	1
Gastro-enteritis .....	2
Meningitis .....	2
Other causes .....	9
Total .....	21

It remains very dry here, and the poorer class of people have very bad drinking water. This will account for the increase in gastro-intestinal diseases.

The sanitary condition of the city is as good as it can be made under the circumstances, there being no sewerage system and the weather being very dry.

*Mortality of Habana during the month of April, 1903—Increase in number of deaths from tuberculosis.*

Minister Squiers at Habana reports, June 6, for the month of April as follows: There was a slight increase in the death rate as compared with the preceding thirty days, attributable to enteric fever, but it was lower than that of the same month of 1902. There has been no smallpox since July, 1900, and no yellow fever since September, 1901, and there has been a progressive decrease in malarial diseases, but with regard to tuberculosis the conditions have not been satisfactory. There has been an increase of from 5 to 6 per cent in deaths from that disease in each of the years 1901 and 1902, and now the proportion of deaths from tuberculosis is 16 per cent of the total mortality. Suitable measures will be taken to meet this unsatisfactory condition.